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For:	TUBULAR EXPANDED POLYTETRAFLUORO- ETHYLENE IMPLANTABLE PROSTHESIS	Dated:	June 5, 2001

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 5, 2001, a reply to which is due with a two-month extension of time on June 5, 2001, please amend the above-identified application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.21 as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

13 (Amended) An implantable prosthesis comprising a body of expanded polytetrafluoroethylene having a structure of spaced apart nodes interconnected by fibrils with pores present between said nodes and said fibrils; and a biodegradable composition of natural origin contained within said pores, said biodegradable composition forming a precipitate that